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**PATENT APPLICATION**  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT : Bachovchin  
ASSIGNEE : Trustees of Tufts College  
SERIAL NUMBER : 09/289,321 EXAMINER : Not Yet Assigned  
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FOR : MULTIVALENT COMPOUNDS FOR CROSSLINKING  
RECEPTORS AND USES THEREOF

BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Boston, Massachusetts

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

***In the Claims:***

Cancel claims 49, 51-52, 56, and 57-70 and add claims 71 and 72:

71. The method of claim 39, wherein said contacting is carried out by administering said compound to a human patient suffering from a disease state characterized by inadequate lymphocyte activation or concentration

72. The method of claim 71, wherein said disease state is a neoplasm, and said CD26-bearing lymphocytes are cytolytic T cells.